

The background of the left half of the cover is a photograph of Antelope Canyon, showing its characteristic smooth, undulating sandstone walls in shades of orange, red, and brown, with bright blue light filtering through the narrow openings.The right half of the cover features a white background with several overlapping squares in shades of blue, orange, and grey, creating a modern, geometric design.

ARIZONA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL




FISCAL YEAR **2018**
ANNUAL REPORT



During fiscal year
2018

the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
increased our **REACH, REPUTATION, &
VISIBILITY** in the community.

We're proud to report we served **2,472**
self-advocates, family members, and professionals
throughout Arizona.



PUSHING TOWARD THE FUTURE



The City of Scottsdale opened an inclusive playground in Chaparral Park in January 2018.

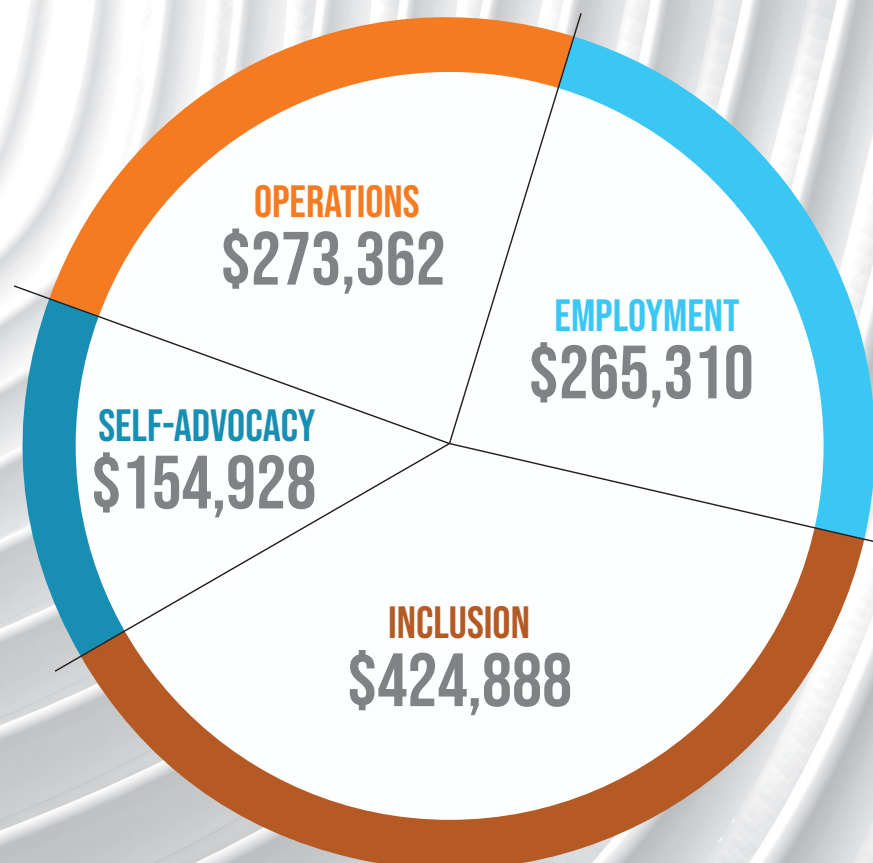
FINANCIAL REPORT

\$1,118,487

AWARDED IN FY2018

Federal 2018 Expenditures by Goal Area

In 2018, the ADDPC spent \$1,118,487 in federal funding to support programs and operations.



2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

INCLUSION

- Assisted with the launch and promotion of the AZ ABLE initiative, reaching hundreds with a webinar, print articles, and multiple in-person trainings.
- 84 journalists and media professionals trained by a Council project with the National Center on Disability and Journalism.
- Surveyed disability and refugee organizations and wrote the report "Arizona's Refugees with Disabilities," hosting a roundtable discussion on how the two groups can work together better.



SELF-ADVOCACY

- Funded the Spina Bifida Association of Arizona in Phoenix and Diverse Ability Incorporated to train 73 self-advocates in leadership.
- Published a policy brief about supported decision-making titled "I Want to Live in an Apartment with My Own Stuff," and also researched efforts in other states to develop a grant opportunity to create an Arizona initiative.



EMPLOYMENT

- Supported Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC) to include individuals with autism in financial need to participate in a Tech Camp.
- Training on meaningful employment offered to 434 people working at schools, providers, and state agencies.
- Spearheaded pilot project on self-employment with the Yuma Vocational Rehabilitation office and the local Small Business Development Center.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT:

NEW VOTERS AT DAY PROGRAMS



Lee helps register someone to vote at The Centers for Habilitation in Tempe in July 2018.

For the first time in her life, Gompers employee Lee, became a voter and a deputy registrar in 2018. Individuals with disabilities face numerous challenges when exercising their right to vote, which range from lack of transportation to inaccessible ballot materials or voting spaces.

Lee was designated as a voting ambassador, along with others with developmental disabilities, as part of the Council's joint efforts with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office. Lee visited other employment programs and helped her peers get registered to vote and learn more about the process.

Other providers who joined this pilot project in the Phoenix area included The Centers of Habilitation, The Opportunity Tree, and Civitan Foundation.





The Council leads a 5-Year grant from Georgetown University aimed at increasing the cultural capacity of Arizona's disability services system. The grant partner organizations gathered to collaborate in July 2018.



CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Creating a more culturally competent disability system in Arizona is the goal of the Council's lead role in a systems change grant from Georgetown University. This responsibility means offering workshop training, translating two education rights booklets into Spanish, and sponsoring many multicultural events throughout Arizona like the African Americans with Disabilities Conference, the American Indian Disability Summit, the Hopi Disability Awareness Conference, and the Latino Disability Expo.

A Spanish translation was also created for the Sonoran UCEDD workbook, "Future Planning: A Roadmap of Our Futures, Our Wishes." It includes plans for the person with a disability and for caregivers as their roles change with time.

Other partner organizations include the Institute for Human Development at Northern Arizona University and the Arizona Center for Disability Law, both partners of the Council in the Developmental Disability Network. Raising Special Kids and the Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities complete the working group.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT:

SPEAKING UP ON THE NAVAJO NATION



Joaquin Kootswatewa, left, took a Council-funded class to learn self-advocacy skills at Greyhills Academy High School in Tuba City. Advocate Jessica Jones, right, was his teacher.

This past year, Joaquin Kootswatewa graduated from Greyhills Academy High School in Tuba City, AZ.

A Council-funded self-advocacy class for a select group of Greyhills students launched during the 2017-2018 school year and continued for a second year thanks to facilitators from the Farmington, NM-based Native American Disability Law Center (NADLC).

For a while, Joaquin didn't feel equipped for the IEP meetings that took place three times a year with his teachers, grandmother, and father. Enter Jessica Jones, a staff advocate from the NADLC. With a class of about eight, she shared tips with the students on how to speak up for their own needs and wants, and how to ask for accommodations like extended time to take tests.

Joaquin says the class helped teach him how to apply those skills in IEP meetings. "I learned a lot," he says.

"They told me that I can put a few rules in. I can mention some things that do help me focus and some that don't." The main goal is to prepare students for a smoother transition to adulthood.

"It's also important to create curriculum that matches with the local community's needs," she says. Adapting the lesson plans to fit her Tuba City students' daily lives is important for their participation.

Joaquin plans on applying his blossoming self-advocacy skills throughout his college journey. The teen is confident the tools he's learned have helped him speak up more. "This program encouraged me to get my word out there and it really encourages students to get their word out there," he says.



NEW TEAM MEMBERS



JULIE WHITAKER

RESEARCH ANALYST
Social Media Coordinator


Julie brought her research and analytic skills to the Council staff in summer 2018. She serves as social media coordinator and workgroup liaison for self-advocacy projects and other initiatives. Researching policy is her passion.

MAUREEN CASEY

COUNCIL MEMBER
Parent

Maureen Casey became the newest Council member this year, bringing with her more than 20 years of experience as a parent of a child with a disability.

In her professional role, she has led the Arizona Early Intervention Program, Child Care Administration, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, and served with DES leadership. She has also served as a consultant on developing functional outcomes for children with disabilities.



Special Thanks to our 2018 interns: Casey Paschall, Rebecca Petersen, Delanie Pacheco and Tracey Slauterbeck. They created projects focused on everything from abuse to supported decision-making to ADA issues in cities.

OUR COUNCIL

John Black – Chair, Advocate

Melissa Van Hook – Vice-Chair, Parent

Maureen Casey – Parent

Monica Cooper – Self-advocate

David Copins – Self-advocate

John Eckhardt – Parent

Jamie Edgin – University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Representative, University of Arizona

George Garcia – Self-advocate

Traci Gruenberger – Nonprofit Organization Representative, Mosaic

Matthew Isiogu – Arizona Health Care Cost Containment Services, Representative

Angelina James – Parent

Katharine Levandowsky – Department of Health Services, Representative

Scott Lindbloom – Self-advocate

Kristen Mackey – Rehabilitation Services Agency, Representative

Lori Masseur – Department of Education, Representative

Ray Morris – Parent

Janna Murrell – Parent

J.J. Rico – Protection and Advocacy Agency Representative, Arizona Center for Disability Law

Andrew Robinson – Self-advocate

Jason Snead – Self-advocate

Thomas Uno – University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Representative, Northern Arizona University

Larry Wanger – Self-advocate

Two Council members won community awards in 2018: below on the left, Angelina James earned the Marcus Harrison Jr. award from the American Indian Disability Summit for exceptional service; on the right, Scott Lindbloom accepts the Start Your Journey Award from the National Association on Councils with Developmental Disabilities.





The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is made up of individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, professional stakeholders, and state agency representatives appointed by the Governor of Arizona.



We envision one community working together to achieve full inclusion and participation of people with developmental disabilities.

We collect and publish research, fund grants, advance inclusion through advocacy, and promote self-determination.





ONE COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER



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